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for February 14, 2018

Bringing you the latest in empirical research about mass incarceration

We've added 23 new reports to the research clearinghouse:

Social Media Monitoring in Boston: Free Speech in the Crosshairs

by ACLU Massachusetts, February, 2018

From 2014-16 the Boston Police Dept. used a social media surveillance system to gather data irrelevant to law enforcement concerns. It treated ordinary citizens as justifiable targets of surveillance, without deterring or solving serious crimes.

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Investing Justice Resources to Address Community Needs

by Urban Institute, February, 2018

This report provides an overview of a Colorado based program designed to coordinate the flow of resources to community-led organizations providing direct services to formerly incarcerated people navigating the reentry process.

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In the news: Suspending common sense in Virginia

In *The Washington Post* this Sunday, we made the case for states to stop suspending driver's licenses for non-driving offenses. In Virginia, we explained, these laws "decrease public safety, waste government resources, and further disadvantage people convicted of drug crimes." Read our full op-ed.

In case you missed it: Face to Face Knox finds replacing in-person visits with video calling is bad policy

In Knox County, Tenn., replacing in-person jail visits with video chats has done the opposite of what the sheriff's office said it would. A public records request revealed that assaults and disciplinary infractions have increased and the rate of contraband has not slowed. Meanwhile, the video chats are turning a profit for the sheriff's office. Read our blog post about this important new data in the fight to preserve in-person visits.

Our other newsletters

- General Prison Policy Initiative newsletter

The Gender Divide: Tracking women's state prison growth

by Prison Policy Initiative, January, 2018

"This report sheds more light on women in the era of mass incarceration by tracking prison population trends since 1978 for all 50 states."

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Women Incarceration Rates Growth Causes

Court Fines and Fees: Criminalizing Poverty in North Carolina

by North Carolina Poverty Research Fund, January, 2018

In recent decades, the North Carolina General Assembly has levied a costly array of fees on low income Tar Heels and their families, creating massive hardships for those caught in webs of criminal justice debt.

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One War. Two Races. Bias Reigns in Florida's War on Drugs

by Herald Tribune, January, 2018

"Blacks represent 17 percent of Florida's population but have accounted for 46 percent of the state's felony drug convictions since 2004."

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Race and ethnicity Drug Policy Incarceration Rates Growth Causes Sentencing Policy and Practices

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Advancing Sensible Justice in Tennessee

by Beacon Center of Tennessee, January, 2018

More than 130,000 Tennesseans are behind bars or working

- Ending prison gerrymandering

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through the criminal justice system. This report calls for a sharp change in the state's criminal justice system in order to reduce costs, increase public safety, and prevent recidivism.

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Raising the Bar: Reducing Conflicts of Interest and Increasing Transparency in District Attorney Campaign Fundraising

by Columbia Law School Center for the Advancement of Public Integrity, January, 2018

This reports provides recommendations on fundraising policies and procedures that are designed to address conflicts of interest and unconscious bias, that may arise when campaign contributors also have business with a district attorney's office.

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Estimating the Effects of Law Enforcement and Public Health Interventions Intended to Reduce Gun Violence in Baltimore

by Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, January, 2018

"Although surges in arrests for illegal drug distribution may have a very short- term (1-2 months) violence-reducing e ect in an area, there appear to be violence-generating e ects up to a year after these drug arrest surges."

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Too big to succeed: The impact of the growth of community corrections and what should be done

about it

by Columbia University Justice Lab, January, 2018

This report discusses the consequences of the tremendous growth in probation and parole supervision in the United States over the past several decades, and argues that the number of people under supervision needs to be cut in half.

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Less is More in New York: An Examination of the Impact of State Parole Violations on Prison and Jail Populations

by Columbia University Justice Lab, January, 2018

This research brief examines the decline in the number of people in New York's state prisons and local jails, including Rikers Island, and the simultaneous rise in the number of people incarcerated for state parole violations.

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Civil Asset Forfeiture: Forfeiting Your Rights

by Southern Poverty Law Center, January, 2018

This report finds that civil asset forfeiture snares mostly low-level offenders and many individuals who are never charged with a crime in the first place into an unequal system that undercuts due process and property rights.

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Crime in 2017: Updated Analysis

by Brennan Center for Justice, December, 2017

This report finds that murder rates in major American cities

are estimated to decline slightly through the end of 2017.

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Pretrial Detention Reform: Recommendations to the Chief Justice

by Judicial Branch of California Pretrial Detention Reform Workgroup, October, 2017

California's pretrial detention system unnecessarily compromises victim & public safety because it bases a person's liberty on financial resources, not their likelihood of future criminal behavior, exacerbating socioeconomic disparities & racial bias.

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Forensic Patients in State Psychiatric Hospitals: 1999-2016

by National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors, September, 2017

"The results from this study indicate that, over a little less than two decades, states have seen an increase in the number of forensic patients who are present in their state hospitals."

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The Effects of Pre-Trial Detention on Conviction, Future Crime, and Employment: Evidence from Randomly Assigned Judges

by Will Dobbie, Jacob Goldin, and Crystal S. Yang, September, 2017

Pre-trial detention significantly increases the probability of

conviction, primarily through increases in guilty pleas. Pre-trial detention has no net effect on future crime, but decreases employment & the receipt of certain government benefits.

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Designed to Fail: The President's Deference to the Department of Justice in Advancing Criminal Justice Reform

by Rachel E. Barkow and Mark Osler, June, 2017

"This Article offers institutional changes that would help future presidents make the system less punitive and reduce prison populations."

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A Texas Sized Failure: Sexual Assaults in Texas Prisons

by Prison Justice League & the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, November, 2016

"Regardless of claims that PREA standards are being implemented in Texas prisons, reports from prisoners themselves indicate that sexual assaults in Texas correctional facilities remain a serious problem."

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Conditions of Confinement Sexual offenses

Police Employment, Officers Per Capita Rates for U.S. Cities

by Governing, October, 2016

"In 2016, police departments serving cities with populations exceeding 25,000 employed an average of 16.8 officers and 21.4 total personnel for every 10,000 residents."

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Substance Abuse Treatment Centers and Local Crime

by Bondurant, Samuel R.; Lindo, Jason M.; and Swensen, Isaac D., September, 2016

This report finds that substance-abuse-treatment facilities reduce both violent and financially motivated crimes in an area, and that the effects are particularly pronounced for relatively serious crimes.

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Access to Health Care and Criminal Behavior: Short-Run Evidence from the ACA Medicaid

by Jacob Vogler, 2015

This research article indicates that state Medicaid expansions have resulted in significant decreases in annual crime by 3.2 percent.

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Breaking Down Barriers Experiments into Policies That Might Incentivize Employers to Hire Ex-Offenders

by RAND Corporation, 2015

This report argues that employers would be more likely to consider hiring ex-offenders if hiring agencies provided replacement workers, if ex-offenders provided proof of positive work performance histories, and if increased tax credits were available.

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Paroling people who committed serious crimes: What is the actual risk?

by Citizens Alliance on Prisons & Public Spending, December, 2014

> People who commit homicides or sex offenses have extremely low re-offense rates. This report argues that parole decisions should take into account this reality & aim to better repare people for release, not incarcerate them needlessly.

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When "life" did not mean life: A Historical Analysis of Life Sentences Imposed in Michigan Since 1900

by Citizens Alliance on Prisons & Public Spending, September, 2006

> Life sentences in Michigan did not always mean "no release." This report finds that parolable lifers' chances of being released from prison in Michigan have dropped dramatically since the 1960's.

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